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Is Aberhart Insincere or Insane?

Is Aberhart insincere or insane? Kindly note that we do not ask whether he is honest or sincere. The matter of his honesty or sincerity has been settled in our mind long ago. Our view is that he is not honest nor sincere, and that to grant him credit for honesty and sincerity would be tantamount to accusing him of insanity; for certainly no honest or sincere person could do the things he does if he were sane. The question must therefore be as to whether Aberhart is insincere or insane.

Let us suppose that WE, instead of Mr. Aberhart, stepped into a pulpit, and there, amidst religious exercises, sought to make you believe that we had no intentions of going to where we had purchased transportation to go, would you consider us to be honest and sincere, or "crazier'n a loon"?

If we stood in a pulpit, and there, with our hand on the Bible, solemnly declared that ours were the ONLY party which had a "plan" for the political and economic ills of our province; that our plan ALONE and none other would work; that our plan was the "ECONOMY OF GOD"; that it was "ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED"; and then after stalling around for eighteen months doing nothing, we confessed that we had NEVER HAD A PLAN at all, would you say that we were honest and sincere, or "crazy in the head"?

If—still in the same pulpit—we were to classify the resignation of a cabinet minister as a "rumor,"—while at the very moment we had the said resignation in our pocket, would you say we were upright, honorable and sincere, or a fit candidate for Ponoka?

If—and now in the Legislature as premier—we were to personally dictate and cause to be circulated a petition demanding our own resignation, and if we were to conspire in a plot to cause defeat of our own

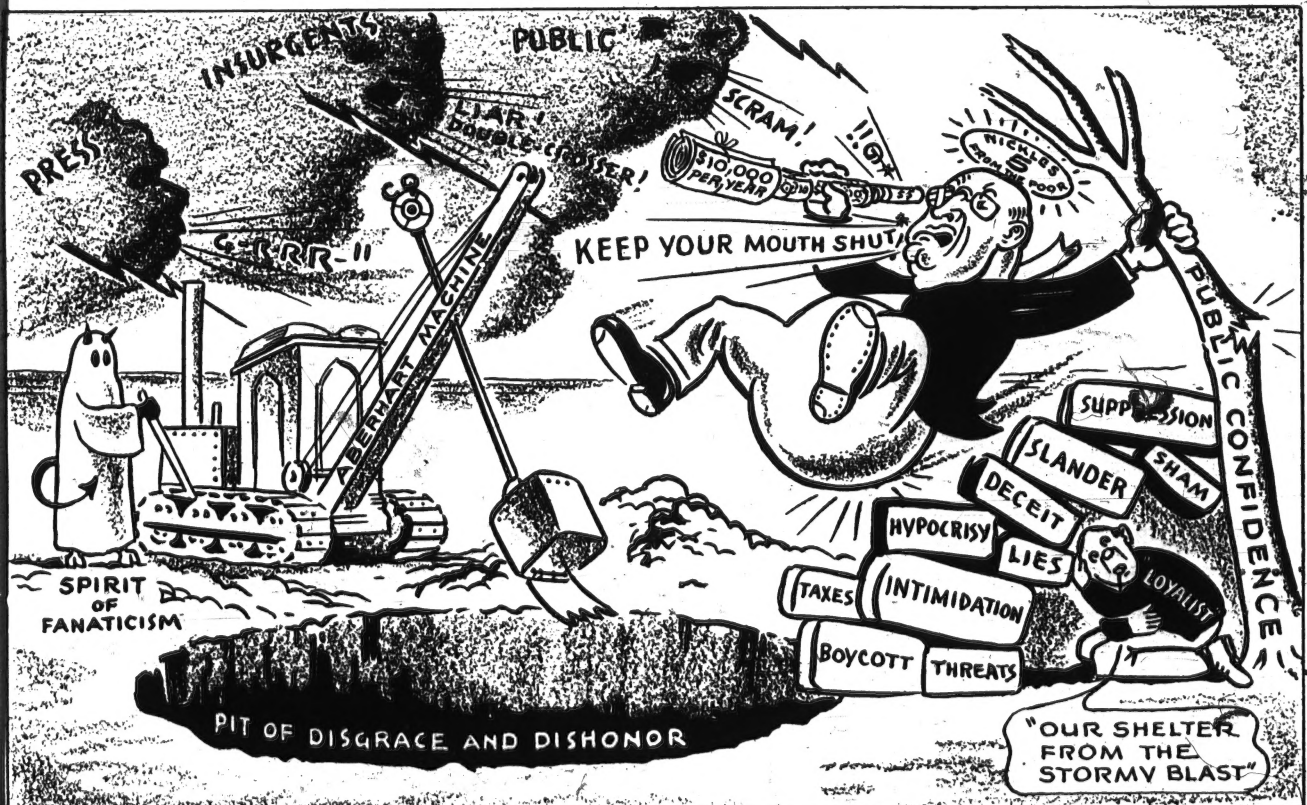
government on a motion in the House, contrary to our solemn word of honor, would you regard us as honest and sincere, or just plain "nuts"?

These are only a few of many Aberhart "stunts" of a nature so unreasonable and illogical that it is almost unbelievable that they could be anything but products of a badly diseased brain.

However, while it is highly probable that Mr. Aberhart is not quite "right in the head," in that he apparently suffers from certain more or less fixed delusions (common to many of us), we do not regard his paranoiac tendencies as either a mark of genius, as his devotees appear to do, nor as a sufficient excuse for his irrationalities on the score of insanity. Our view is, rather, that Aberhart is "crazy like a fox." That is, he is so morally depraved that he will not hesitate to lie, slander and deceive, if in doing so he can see an advantage to be gained; being "foxy" enough, however, to give his deception an appearance of virtue by surrounding it with an aura of emotionalistic religion. Thus, by boldly exalting a lie to a virtuous truth, and by a diabolically clever play on a pre-engendered confusion of greed, cupidity, selfishness and hope, faith and trust in the public mind, the lie is fed out and WISHFULLY swallowed as gospel truth.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Aberhart has, in his saner moments, had painful qualms of conscience over the responsibility that is his for having let loose the flood of passion, prejudice, bigotry and intolerance by his cleverly-designed appeals to these emotions, and no doubt he has at times wished fervently that he could get clear of the whole sorry mess. He has indicated as much on various occasions.

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Aberhart: Mistakes under the direction of God are not mistakes, but stepping stones to success—Like Nelson, I will hold my telescope to my blind eye—Why all the fuss!—What if all these charges ARE true, I shall do nothing about them—Stop your confounded grumbling—Keep your mouth shut!

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However, he cannot let go. He is at the very centre or the vortex of passion which he himself set in motion, and as the entire movement was born in iniquity and nurtured with falsehood, Aberhart now has little choice but to continue the deception. He does not dare to be rational, logical or honest, as to be so would not harmonize with the irrational, illogical and dishonest precepts underlying his scheme. Consequently in order to be consistent, he is obliged to pile lie upon lie and to attempt to cover one deception with yet another.

That Aberhart would now like to free himself from the web of deception in which he has ensnared himself by his wilful disregard of truth and honor, is made strikingly evident by his frantic attempt to justify his silly blunders by what is so far perhaps his worst misuse of religion. For years he has been fostering the notion in the minds of his followers that he is under special divine guidance, and absurd though this claim has proven in the light of his disgraceful conduct, it played a major part in gaining and holding the confidence of many. However, sensing the wavering faith of his followers, he has recently introduced a new trick, as brazen as it is blasphemous. Still posing as divinely-inspired, he is now seeking to justify his lies and blunderings by the crazy proposition that "mistakes under the direction of God are not mistakes, but stepping stones to success." The inference to be gained by this monstrous absurdity is so obvious that it should at once mark Aberhart as perhaps the worst defiler of religion in modern history. Not even the posing as "God" by the ignorant negro, "Father Divine," is much, if any, more sacrilegious than this wilful dragging of religion through the filth of the lowest type of partizan politics in Canadian history.

The "crutch" upon which Aberhart appears to support his latest attempts to justify his sorry blunderings seems to be that of a conscienceless perversion of a certain tenet of his particular brand of religion. He has made it clear that he holds the view of that sect which postulates that once a person has been "born again" and is "saved," nothing can ever again sever him from the grace of God; that his sins past, present and future are "forgiven," and that nothing he may do, regardless of how base or iniquitous, will be punished. In his extremity of having to either acknowledge himself as a miserable fraud or a failure, he, like the despicable moral coward that he is, grasps at this tenet as a drowning man at a straw, in the wishful hope that it will justify his misconduct. Then, it must be borne in mind, that apart from his twisted notions on "salvation," Aberhart is also afflicted with a peculiar "prophetic bug." His utterances in this regard indicate that he (wishfully) regards himself and his movement as part of the great Divine Plan for the deliverance of mankind; and although knowing himself to be a deceiver, he apparently hopes frantically that somehow something of a miraculous nature may occur to make everything come out right.

So there he crouches, in his coward's castle, the Prophetic Bible Institute, fretting and fuming, yet trembling with fear over the retribution he knows in his craven heart to be inevitable, but desperately hoping against hope for divine intervention to turn his "mistakes into stepping stones to success," and thus save him from his due merits of humiliation and disgrace.

No, Aberhart is not insane. He is just a person of low mentality and perverted moral perceptions who has gotten himself into a "jam" through the exercise of an ego inflated beyond his intellectual capacity, and who, lacking courage to face the facts, is forced through circumstances of his own creation, to resort to the only course left to any coward—pretense and deception. And the only way to bring a pervert of this type to his senses is to "treat him rough," to force him into a position where he must either fight honorably or quit—and then he will give in, like the yellow quitter he undoubtedly is at heart.

"CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM"

Of all the idiotic drivel constantly reiterated almost everywhere by many of the would-be "important" purveyors of wisdom of both pro and opponents of Aberhartism, the most nauseating is the ponderous and wise-sounding enjoinder to refrain from "destructive" criticism, and if one must criticise, to offer only "constructive criticism."

We have a very good idea as to what the Aberhartist means by destructive as well as constructive criticism. In his perverted view every opposing suggestion that does not promise more than \$25 to \$75 per month for nothing, or questions Aberhart's sincerity or actions, is destructive criticism, and only blind faith in and supine acquiescence to "Father Aberhart's" dictates are constructive. However, we have yet to hear a lucid definition of either constructive or destructive criticism by these self-important wise-acres whose conception of public duty appears to be that, a burglar once having broken in, must be given a free hand until he has made a thorough job of robbing your home, or that

the proper way of cleaning a pig-sty is to sit in the shade and twiddle your thumbs.

The impression we receive from these inane ponderosities from professed anti-Aberhartists is that these people are still "woozy" from the sock they got to their political jaws in the summer of 1935. Wand'ring about in a daze, they still think that their parties were defeated because of some essential deficiency in their own political platforms. In their grogginess they have as yet been unable to appreciate the fundamental fact that Aberhart won, not because of any superior virtue in a plan, but because he HAD NO PLAN AT ALL. So, unwilling or incapable of shaking themselves out of their stupor, they go on under the Aberhart-induced delusion that they themselves have nothing "better to offer," and must therefore leave Aberhart alone until such time as they have a "better plan."

This imbecility on the part of so many "important" but obviously fossil-brained public "leaders" was one of our primary reasons for launching The Rebel. We felt that these people never had a right appreciation of the causes which led to the Aberhart victory; that their failure to subsequently orientate themselves only added to the confusion, and that their constant whittling away at their own consciences and convictions could only serve to encourage hypocrisy and destroy conviction in others.

We ask these "nice" and "respectable" advocates of "constructive" criticism, what could be more "constructive" than to DESTROY Aberhartism? And what could be more "destructive" than your asinine pussyfooting in dealing with a political sneak-thief who is ransacking our political home, the while he is tauntingly snickering into your face because you are still battling with the wool he pulled over your eyes!

The Rebel is not a partizan organ, and as we announced in our first issue, our primary object is not to offer a political platform but to destroy an existing evil. But there is and always has been "something better" than Aberhartism. Certainly there was never anything worse. As we have pointed out before, there are as many political platforms as there are parties, with the exception of Aberhartism, which has no platform, and every one of these is better than what we have now. And only the somnambulistic inferiority complex of the leaders of these various parties is preventing unified support of any one of them or a fusion of all for the defeat of a government worse than no government at all.

ABERHART THE LAWBREAKER

It is reasonable to expect that as prime minister of the province Mr. Aberhart's public conduct should be such as to inspire respect for good morals and the law of the land. However, the regrettable truth is that he has not only debauched public morals by his notorious disregard for the principles of truth and honor in the conduct of public business, but he also has not hesitated to set the baneful example of actually breaking not only the spirit but the letter of the law when to do so is calculated to bring an advantage.

It is well known that to send commercial messages and to give prices over the air are breaches of the law; and it is equally well known that Mr. Aberhart has broken these regulations time and time again. It cannot be held that he committed these offences innocently, as he has been warned at various times to refrain from doing so; but all, apparently to no effect. He continues to violate the rules as though he were a law unto himself, and no doubt the chief reason why no action has been taken against him is that to do so would only make a martyr of him in the eyes of his fanatical followers in whose sight "the king can do no wrong."

Only recently, in the course of a Sunday night "sermon" from Edmonton, Aberhart gave a high-pressure sales talk on a new publication espousing his policies, and after reference to its allegedly wonderful contents, like a medicine faker he exclaimed: "All for a dime! Just send 10 cents to (giving the address) and a copy will be mailed to you!" And this is the man who whines over the failure of others to respect the dignity of the premiership!

Who and what does this fellow think he is that he should flagrantly trample on laws intended to be observed by all good citizens! And why should he not be prosecuted for infractions of the laws in just exactly the same manner as any other lawbreaker? It may be argued that the particular law in question is not so very important. Perhaps so. It may even be a bad law, and personally we think it should be abolished. But so long as it IS the law, its VIOLATION is a serious matter of supreme importance. Let the premier of the province continue to set the chief example of contempt for law, and disrespect for law will grow.

While on the subject of law observance, what of Aberhart's super-sales talks on Albertan shares? Did he have a license; and did his "wonderful value," "get in on the ground floor," etc., ballyhoo comply with the regulations of the Public Utilities Board and Securities Act? Or did this "divinely-guided" salesman regard compliance with the law as superfluous in his case? Incidentally, what of the use of such terms as "rats, sons of Satan, liars, reprobrates, fornicators," etc., over the air? And we must not forget the famous "hospital" story about the unmarried mother with which the saintly Aberhart "inspired" his devout worshippers over the radio!

"Man of God!" "Honest!" "Honorable!" POOEY!

A GANG OF CROOKS?

When the split in the Aberhart ranks occurred, we were prepared to credit at least a measure of sincerity and honesty to the insurgents for what appeared to be commendable courage in breaking away from Aberhart's domination. However, if there is one fact that has been demonstrated beyond possibility of doubt in the controversy now raging between the two groups, it is that BOTH factions are equally devoid of honor and common decency. But, then, perhaps it is really too much to expect anything else from either. Both are tarred with the same brush. All owe their official recognition as "honorable" members of the House to the most dishonorable election methods ever practiced in Canadian history, and as all were either so ignorant or so morally low as to take advantage of these methods, it is inevitable that most of them at least should now still exhibit the "mark of the beast."

The "proof of the pudding" as to the real moral calibre of both Aberhartist and insurgent has been provided in the specific charges made by the insurgents to the effect that Aberhart had (1) attempted to misuse public trust funds, (2) had personally dictated and caused to be circulated a petition demanding his own resignation, and (3) had, contrary to his given word of honor, conspired (in the now notorious "double-cross") to cause defeat of his own government on the interim supply vote in the House.

It should not be necessary to argue that if these charges, or any portion of them, are based on fact, Aberhart has not only sacrificed his right to hold public office, but that, at least in regard to the matter of trust funds, appropriate legal action should be taken against him. But what is the situation? The premier, who should be jealous of his public honor, instead of DEMANDING investigation and proof, BLOCKS investigation, and attempts to dispose of the serious allegations against him by insultingly, tauntingly exclaiming: "Supposing all these charges ARE true! Why all the fuss!"

What of the insurgents' reaction? Do they take the honorable course which should be followed by honorable men under such circumstances—to drum Aberhart out of the House? They accuse him of the lowest form of deceit and crookedness, of being a double-crosser, a dishonorable scoundrel, yes; but what do they DO about it? Incredible as it may seem, after all their righteous indignation over the iniquity of their premier, after charging him with the most serious breach of public honor and decency, they revert to their type, they reveal themselves to be at heart exactly like their premier—by paying tribute to him in OFFERING TO COMPROMISE with him! Could anything be more disgusting, more degrading, more dishonorable, than this spectacle of two opposing political groups, each accusing the other of the lowest kind of treachery, at the same time begging each other for support.

And what of the public (and this goes also for the Conservative and Liberal members of the House), are we just going to sit back and echo Aberhart's hypocritical taunt of "why all the fuss"? Or have we the imagination and vision to recognize that this is not merely a party squabble, but the PEOPLE'S FIGHT; that it is our duty to stop this farcical travesty on democracy by kicking the entire gang of racketeers from the seats they are occupying by treachery and deceit? Is there room in the House, at the same time, for truly "honorable" members and a gang of morally-depraved opportunists who will stop at nothing in order to hold their ill-gotten power? Oh, for just ONE DAY on the floor of the legislature! Just one brief hour of opportunity to tell these miserable fakers to their faces just what they are! Any single member of the legislature, possessed of a right appreciation of the realities of the situation, of vision, and of sufficient courage to do his duty, has it in his power to burst the Aberhart bubble in the House at any time; and if opposition members fail to do so at the forthcoming session, it will be because they lack this appreciation, vision and courage.

WHO WAS "BOUGHT"?

If Premier Aberhart considers it fair in himself to constantly insinuate, without any proof whatsoever, that the insurgent opposition is sponsored by the "financial interests" (which may be true, as we would not trust the insurgents any more than him), he should not object to the suggestion that in the light of circumstantial evidence, there is even more reason for suspicion that he himself has "sold out" to the Fifty Big Shots, whoever they may be. Let us examine into some of the facts.

Instead of getting Major Douglas, as he said he would, Aberhart's first move was to hire Magor, a representative of the financial interests. Why?

Aberhart claims that he invited Douglas to come to Alberta. Douglas claims that Aberhart made it impossible for him to come, "Douglas MAY be a liar, but we know that Aberhart IS a liar. So whom would you rather believe."

Supporters of Aberhart claim that huge sums have been spent to suppress Douglas. The only known instance in which Douglas has apparently been "suppressed," is in the case of the Alberta government. Is it possible that money was spent to keep Douglas away from Alberta? If so, who would be the more likely to get it—those who "suppressed" Douglas or those who wanted him here? As the People's Weekly says: "Major Douglas ought to know who his enemies are, and he has declared that he will not come to Alberta as long as Aberhart is premier."

During the federal election campaign Aberhart denounced the old line parties as about the wickedest thing imaginable—and then he pub-

licly urged his followers to vote for the chief of one of these parties—against the candidate of his own party. Why the double-cross?

Nor are many other evidences lacking to indicate that Aberhart has not only been the chief stumbling block to the introduction of Social Credit, but that he apparently is deliberately going out of his way to wreck the movement. In the light of his own public utterances and conduct, he should be extremely careful about imputing underhand motives to others.

IGNORANCE AND PREJUDICE

That the fostering of ignorance and prejudice is an integral part of the Alberta Social Credit party was again demonstrated recently by the following "special notice" in the Albertan.

"The Calgary Social Credit Constituency Association wishes to announce that no public meetings of the opponents are sponsored by this association, and urges all members of the Alberta Social Credit League to refrain from attending such gatherings."

Only a stupid, brainless ass could conceive it as necessary to indicate that meetings of the opposition are not sponsored by his own organization, and certainly only a moron of the lowest type would be required to be so informed.

But worse by far is the insult offered by the request not to attend opposition political meetings. Such a request is simply to encourage the idiotic folly of shutting one's eyes to the other side of the question, to go on hugging to your heart what may be a delusion in preference to possibly receiving the truth from another source. What more perfect admission of ignorance and bigotry and lack of confidence in the merits of his own case could anyone make than to refrain from hearing and studying other angles than his of any question?

No one is qualified to hold and express an opinion at all, unless he is willing to submit it to examination and debate and to defend it against attack. One can have no other sane reason for holding any opinion than to pit its worth against opposing views; and failure to do so, is to admit fear of the truth, to admit that you may be cherishing falsehood in preference to truth. For, if you will not gladly and willingly submit your views to scrutiny and opposition; if you refuse to entertain conflicting opinions, how can you possibly KNOW that your view is not wrong and the other right?

However, wilful ignorance and of deliberate prejudice against truth are the logical products of this crazy Aberhartism. Its entire philosophy being one of deception, not only of others, but of self, it is inevitable that its character should reveal itself in every move of its proponents. In furthering the perverted aims of their movement, they cannot do other than speak and act in harmony with the immoral foundation upon which it is built. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

GOSTICKLES

Speaking at a Riverside meeting, Mrs. Gostick, M.L.A., said: "Prosperity certificates were issued to test the humor of the people; how far they were prepared to co-operate." The results showed that the people didn't think this bogus money so funny; and if their co-operation in this experiment was to be a criterion of their faith in Aberhartism, the joke was on Aberhart.

Mrs. Gostick also declared that "if compulsion is necessary to introduce Social Credit, we will use it"; further indicating her lack of understanding as to the "humor" of the people.

OBERHAMMER BLOWS

Speaking in German to an audience in Riverside School recently John Oberhammer, an ardent Aberhart fan, undoubtedly helped the Aberhart brand of Social Credit along considerably when he unburdened himself of a "load" of slanderous innuendo, in the obvious hope of at one and the same time blackening all opponents and glorifying Brother Aberhart.

Among other things, this former preacher solemnly spread the canard that the insurgents were "beholden" to the financial interests. Of course, he had no proof he said, but Mrs. Gostick had intimated as much—"and where there's smoke, there's fire!"

He also attributed at least part of the failure of the prosperity scrip scheme to the alleged crookedness of Harry Humble, who he said was rumored to have received \$65,000 from the "financial interests" with which to buy scrip, and that he then sent it in for redemption to worry the government, and then "skipped."

It would seem that Mr. Oberhammer has been an apt pupil of his Big Chief Liar Aberhart. A nice chappie to have around for dirty work among non-English speaking citizens, who because of their language handicap are, under even the best of circumstances, more or less at the mercy of the worst political charlatans!

BOYS WANTED

Aggressive honest boys wanted in every town in Alberta to sell The Rebel. Good spare-time income assured live workers. Some selling up to 200 copies. No orders for less than 20 copies accepted. Write now for particulars.

NEXT ISSUE JUNE 11

The next issue of The Rebel will appear on June 11. News dealers are requested to get their orders for this issue filed by June 8 so that we may know how many copies to print.

COURAGEOUS LADIES!

It is reported to us that at the recent public meeting held by the insurgent S.C. group in Calgary, four irate women attacked a small news boy who was selling The Rebel. It is stated by an eyewitness that the lad was held by the head by one woman, and his papers torn from him and thrown into the mud.

If we can discover the identity of these "ladies," they shall have their exhibition of bravery officially recognized in a court of law.

THREATS -- HOT AIR!

Several warnings have come to us by 'phone that we were to be beaten up by Aberhart devotees who do not appear to relish our plain truths about their revered leader and his religio-political humbug. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of the friends who have communicated these warnings. However, we have yet to find the Aberhartist with enough moral spine to fight in the open, and it is therefore unlikely that any of them have sufficient physical courage to do anything more violent than to "shoot their mouths off" to each other about what they would like but have not the "guts" to do. In any case, over zealous "beaters-uppers" are warned that we may object to their attentions in a manner not at all conducive to their own health.

A SUGGESTION

The suggestion is made that the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett should be prevailed upon to assume the leadership of a fusion party in Alberta to save the province from ruin. It is held that a victory under Mr. Bennett would be certain and that the result would be sane government and restoration of public confidence in the province.

There is merit in the suggestion and its possibilities should be explored. The chief objection to the proposal is the humiliation involved, not in Mr. Bennett's stepping down from his lofty position of Empire statesman to rescue his muddling province, but in that the request would be a tacit admission that we had no other man in the province "big" enough for the job. And this we are reluctant to admit. There are scores of capable men in Alberta competent to hold the premiership; and if, as it is said, every crisis produces its leader, one may arise in our present extremity.

Of greater importance than a leader is an aroused public, conscious of the imperative necessity of deliverance from a dangerous situation. If the people themselves are so hopelessly indifferent to their own security and liberty as not to recognize the need for united action against the menace hanging over them, then they are unworthy of a "leader," and in the words of "Hitler" Aberhart, it is their God-given privilege to suffer some more.

Rev. N. B. James, M.L.A.: "Leave Aberhart out and you can say good-bye to Social Credit." Our guess: Leave Aberhart in, and you will never say hello to Social Credit.

Aberhart: "If I have done anything wrong or crooked, I must have done it in my sleep." Wake up, Willie!

Coming in issue of June 11: "Joint Conventions Essential"; and "Veterans, Do Your Duty!"

We do not agree with those who would bar Aberhart from the air because of his political broadcasting on Sundays. Others are doing the same thing. He should, of course, be made to observe the law; but to suppress him on the score of political pulpitizing would be ridiculous and unfair. Let him talk.

APOLOGY TO ABERHART

We regret, William, that owing to lack of space this issue does not carry our personal letter to you. But don't cry; we hope to present you with a very special "kick in the pants" in our next issue.

THE MAIL BAG

Calgary: The propounders of Social Credit who were elected, provincially and federally, by inferring they knew all about Social Credit should know now that not one of them knew the first practical rudiments of their theory. . . . With the facts before us, can we help accusing the leaders and members of having obtained their election fraudulently at the expense of a credulous electorate? . . . Closer co-operation between provinces and the Dominion must be made without delay to prevent fanatics, upstarts and disgruntled leaders of that and this ism from obtaining control in any one section. The B.N.A. Act should be amended, if necessary, to restrict provincial representation to the number of commoners for each province, they to become provincial representatives

during the interval in which the federal house is not in session, bringing with them fruitful and interested co-operation of a national character setting up a higher standard of representation, and most important of all, a prologue to complete elimination of the provincial legislative body.

Montreal: I am delighted to inform you that your paper has reached me to help along my poor eloquence in exposing the chimera of "Father Aberhart" (he goes by that cognomen here). Your paper will help to lay bare some of his misrepresentations.

Acme: Your paper describes our Premier just as I think of him and gives many facts which, as it says, the dupes won't believe. I wish you luck and prosperity.

Macleod: I consider Aberhart the biggest political liar I have heard of. You are a man after my own heart.

Vancouver (Newspaper editor): I have diligently perused The Rebel and it is very interesting and inspiring. Some strong language, but your charges are pretty well what I have come to fear. Best wishes.

Federal M.P. (C.C.F.): Enjoyed your first issue of The Rebel. But why bother with the People's League when you could "come over into Macedonia" and do the thing properly?

Edmonton: Do not consider those who would tone down your criticisms. Nothing that you can say is strong enough. . . . If you are sued, I pledge myself to a subscription of \$5 to aid in your defence. May your arm be strong and your lungs lusty.

Bergen (the only "knock"): I was surprised that any paper of this kind could be published in a Christian country.

Calgary: If suppressed or licenced, use the balance of my subscription for expenses. I've had my value. Another: In my opinion you are the only straight-forward man in Alberta with enough guts to speak your mind openly. Another: I am thankful there is one man in Calgary not afraid to print the truth. Aberhart reminds me of the colored man who said he had lied, sworn, got drunk and stole chickens, but had never lost his religion. (One Calgaryan handed us \$25 for a subscription. "Take it," he said, "and no back-talk." Was our face red.)

Thanks also for letters from Banff, Okotoks, Standard, Silverwood, Rochester, Viking, Westlock, Medicine Hat, Chauvin, Travers, Claresholm, Delburne, Coronation, Vermillion, Nanton, Fleet, Red Deer, Camrose, and scores of other Alberta points as well as other provinces. The best we can do is to quote briefly from only a few; but we nevertheless want to hear from all who are interested. Every suggestion will be given careful study.

GIVE THE REASONS!

Chas. Cockroft, M.L.A., is to be commended for having informed the public that ill-health was not the sole reason for his resignation from the Cabinet; and it would go a long way toward clearing the air if C. C. Ross would give the inside facts that led to his enforced retirement. The whole world knows that Aberhart lied like the Devil himself about the Ross resignation, and as he cannot be depended upon to tell the truth about anything at any time, the facts should come from Mr. Ross.

The same holds true in regard to the dismissal of a number of important civil servants. Why, for instance, was the former chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board fired? That the government has not given the facts in regard to dismissals was indicated by Mr. Aberhart's own statement in Calgary that if the people did not stop hollering for them, the "real" reasons might be given. Such an implication leaves the suggestion that at least some of the dismissals possibly were for reasons of criminal malpractice which should have been punished, and the public is entitled to know the truth as to whether employees were fired for purely political reasons or whether the government is shielding criminals.

If the dismissed officials were guilty of punishable crimes, it can not be expected of them to explain why they were fired. But if they were innocent of wrong-doing, they should give the facts and thus dispel the cloud of suspicion cast over them by Aberhart's insinuations.

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